

Camp at Camden August 20th 1780

Sir

It gives one infinite concern to inform you that your son who escaped unhurt in the Action of the 16th instant, between our Army under Lord Cornwallis & the Rebel Army commanded by Genl. Gates, when the latter was totally defeated, but in the action of the 18th instant when Col. Tarleton with part of the Cavalry of the Legion not one hundred in number & Capt. Charles Campbell with nearly the same number of the Battn. of Light Infantry, which he commanded this campaign, surprised & defeated Col. Sumpter, who had not less than eight hundred men. Capt. Campbell advancing at the head of his men with his usual intrepidity received a musquet [sic] ball in his breast & instantly expired, much regretted not only by the 71st Regiment, but by the whole Army as a very spirited & intelligent officer. He was decently interred that evening on the field of Battle. His effects with the Regiment will be immediately disposed of, most of his baggage is at Savannah. When Ret.(?) arrives it shall be disposed of, & so soon as his Company's --- are ---- & any debts he may be owing are paid, the ballance [sic] shall be remitted to ---- ---- & gray Conduit(?) Street London for your be hoof(?).

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most ----- Able Son(?)

Arch'd McArthur

Major 71st Regiment